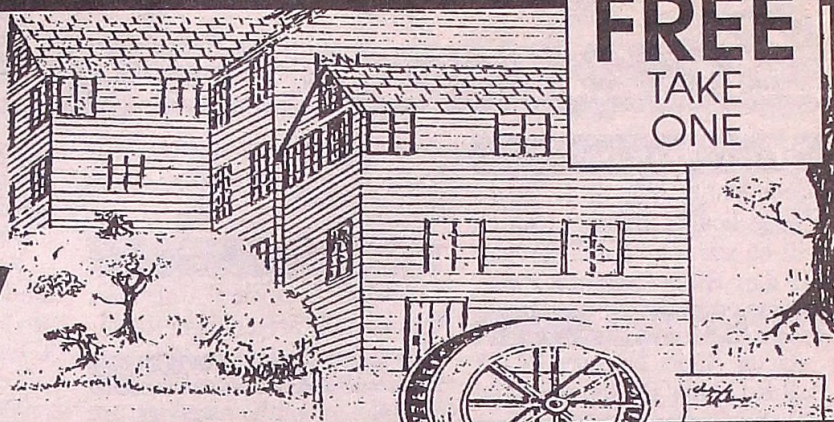


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## LEGALITY OF HIRING DIRECTOR IN QUESTION

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

The temperature was on the rise at the July 12 Huron Township Board Meeting. Commissioner Norm Kohlstrand of the Planning Commission informed the Board that the hiring of Leslie Meyer, the Director of Planning and Zoning was done illegally.

Kohlstrand, also an attorney, started out, "This is difficult

because I've watched Leslie Meyer express a great deal of energy and concern (regarding the Township). However, she was hired illegally."

Kohlstrand reminded the Board that during the May 24 meetin in which Meyer was hired, Trustee Nora Adkins had reminded the Board of a statute that made it illegal for the Board to hire the Director

of Planning and Zoning without the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Kohlstrand reminded the Board that they should have been well aware of the procedure when "the community visited this last year." According to Kohlstrand, Commissioner Brian Swindler, the Planning Commission's minutes for the last 12 months and

the Commission never recommended the hiring of Leslie Meyer.

However, Township Supervisor David Glaab informed Kohlstrand that in a letter dated June 14, 2000, James gave an opinion that the hiring of Meyer was perfectly legal.

At the end of the meeting, Trustee John McKinney made a motion to put determining the

legality of hiring Meyer on the July 19 meeting agenda. However, James informed the Board that he would be unable to attend that meeting. And Trustee Michael Glaab expressed concern over making a legal decision without their attorney present. So the motion failed.

In an earlier interview with

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## SCHOOL BOARD REMOVES LAZERE AND APPOINTS APPLEBY TO THE LDFA

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

Prior to the July 10 Huron School District Organizational Meeting, District Chair Calvin Schalk telephoned Board Member Colleen Lazere. During the brief private conversation with Lazere, Schalk in-

formed her that the Board had been polled and they had collectively determined that her seat on the LDFA is a conflict of interest. A Board vote was never taken on the issue.

In a later interview, Lazere declared, "What really makes

me mad is that I have spent five years on that Board (LDFA). Not once did anyone ask me what's going on or about money that's being spent." Lazere explained that on the LDFA, she has approved spending money for

construction fees, engineering costs, and much more yet the School Board never cared. Now suddenly on the issue of the East-West Connector Road, they not only are concerned, but they've removed her from the seat.

When asked about the issue during a later phone conversation, Superintendent Thomas Hosler responded, "Unfortunately situations like that occur." Hosler expressed that it is important for boards to work as

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## McNASTY'S CHALLENGES THE TOWNSHIP

by LARRY L. O'KELLEY

McNasty's has lately taken a prominent role in charitable events and our community has benefited by their generosity. Last Sunday, July 9, McNasty's met the Huron Township police/fire departments in a softball game to support the D.A.R.E. Program.

The game was held at St. Stephen's ball diamond and the game dodged the rain and a tad bit of humidity.

According to local resident

Paul Moore, McNasty's owner Bobbie Piscopink was the person "that got the ball flying," and the result was a fine afternoon and some pretty good ball playing.

From the Township side, the police and the fire department was represented as well as some individuals that helped in the D.A.R.E. Program. Actually both sides had a good time substituting and getting every player involved.

The McNasty's side clearly had the largest number of spectators and clearly more spirit. However, their enthusiasm was not enough as the Township went on the prevail over McNasty's 17 to eight. Actually nobody much cared about the final score. Both sides enjoyed the day and there was talk of making it an annual event.

A total of \$1,313 was raised on behalf of D.A.R.E. The organization would like to thank Judge Green the honorary umpire, St. Stephen's CYO, Jim VanMeer as the actual umpire, *The Huron River Weekly* and the Public

Access Channel for the advertising.

Bobby Kamin was named the most Sportsman-Like Ballplayer and received an award for this honor.

The following people participated in the ball game and we apologize if we missed anybody or slightly misspelled your name. Mike Hickman, Chuck Lindenmuth,

"Tadpole," Deno, Robert Wood, Rickie Hickman, Kevin Wilson, Bill Neheing, Ron Cobb, Joe Brown, Jeff Umin, Jerry Reynolds, John Hemerk, Frenchie Richard, Chad Fraiser, Gary Christian, Jerry Umin, Joe Collins, Bob Newburn, Bill Chrisholm, Mike Dober, Keith Fritz, and Mike Wyszynski



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# Community Calendar

## Starting June 4

Beginning June 4, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be starting church services at 9 a.m. Bible Class at 8 a.m.

## July 9 and 23

Grass Roots Nursery, 24765 Bell Rd., New Boston will hold a Water Garden Balancing July 23 and 29. Classes start at 11 a.m. and are free.

## July 17

East West Corridor Committee meeting at Krzyske Center 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Your input will be helpful at the meeting.

## July 24

Lynn Rivers Coffee Hour,

New York Coney Island, Belle Plaza, 871 Sumpter Road. 8:30-10:30 a.m.

## Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

## Monthly Meetings

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is free child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and

affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-2651.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

VanBuren, Belleville, Sumpter Democratic Club holds its meetings the fourth Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville.

Huron Athletic Boosters meet the first Tuesday of each month. Call 654-3781 for info.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, at 7 p.m.

## Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second Wednesday of the month at

7:00 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Building.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thursday of each month at the Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the

Township Hall.

## Senior Citizens Monthly

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: President, Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tuesday noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tuesday, noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tuesday 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Edna Curistan, 782-3470. Meetings: First Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Third Thursday, 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Cricket) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Monday 12:30 p.m.. Quilting every Tuesday 9-11:30 a.m. Trips are offered. Call Francis at 782-2626.

Commodities may be picked up the fourth Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.



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1/4 cup Red Bell Pepper - diced

1/4 cup Green Onion - thin slices

## DRESSING

1 cup low-fat or fat-free plain Yogurt

1/2 cup reserved juice

2 tbs. Sesame Seed - lightly toasted

1/2 tsp. Salt

1/2 tsp. Dill

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Mix salad ingredients in a medium bowl with a cover. Pour dressing over salad and mix well to coat. Chill 2-4 hours. Serves 4-6



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## Al Fresco



Georgette Heron-Willoughby

## HOT SUMMER COOL SALADS

Macaroni is the old-fashioned thing to put tuna in for a salad. I have been experimenting with other possibilities.

This week's recipe is a light and fruity version of tuna/rice salad. Having a yogurt dressing makes this salad not only delicious but low in fat and calories.

If you have any comments or questions please contact me at *The Huron River Weekly* - Al Fresco, P.O. Box 472, New Boston, MI 48164, or fax 734-753-4417.

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# MICHIGAN DIAMONDBACKS OF NEW BOSTON

The fourth of July was a big day for the Little Caesar's 14-year-old baseball team at Liberty Park, Sterling Heights,



(FRONT ROW L-R) M. STEVENSON, J. HERGREAVES, Z. MILLIMAN, B. AMOROSE, B. LARETZ, J. SATTERLEE. (BACK L-R) COACH MARTIN, C. BAAS, R. BURZYCKI, J. MIGLIACCIO, K. RUTKOWSKI, S. MARTIN, COACH BURZYCKI, D. MARRA. C. PATE, COACHES, J. MIGLIACCIO AND J. MARRA.

Michigan. The Diamondbacks defended their championship title for two years in a row, by a whopping nine to three final against the Michigan Wolves of Farmington.

Winning the USSSA Firecracker Classic has not only brought the team trophies and pride, but also a berth in the USSSA World Series July 16 through 23 at the Canton Softball Center. Where the Diamondbacks are veterans, finishing in the tops 20 last year in the Tulsa, Oklahoma World Series out of 65 teams.

Michigan Diamondbacks are presently ranked fifth seat in the Series, the number one team in Michigan, fifth place nationally and number one in

the east through USSSA. Other tournaments the team has won include: Memorial Day Classic, Canton, Michigan (four-time winners); Iverson Memorial, Canton, (second place); Cincinnati, Ohio (first place).

Manager/coach, Rob Burzycki, will also be accepting a berth into C.A.B.A. World Series in Dublin, Ohio at the end of July. The boys on this team could really use your help

with donations or sponsorships for 10 days of meals and lodging. The team would like to thank JOBA Construction, Tella Foods, and *The Huron River Weekly* for their generous yearly donations.

If you are interested in helping the Michigan Diamondbacks, please contact Nancy Burzycki at (734) 753-4554. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

## Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

"They Didn't Build It And We Couldn't Go."

In reference to your article of June 29, 2000, concerning the status of the Senior Citizens Center. This letter is to clear up some misconception about the Quilters not accepting the offer of the Glaab Millennium Building and the Historical House, which was temporary and only large enough for the Quilters. The officials of the club was seeking facilities that would accommodate the Center, Arts and Crafts class and the Quilters.

We met with Supervisor Glaab June 23 at the Michalak Building. His brother Trustee Michael Glaab was in attendance before we left. We were under the impression that they were going to present this to the Board for the Seniors to have this building. Then on June 26, Supervisor Glaab called a meeting with the Seniors to inform them they had decided it would be impossible for the Seniors to have the building. This was when he offered the alternative of his father's building and the Historical building.

We have met with the Supervisor when he first took office to let him know that our contract was up for the school August 2000. We have had contact with some of the board, to tell them we need a building for the Seniors. We had

appeared before this board and stated our situation so all would know. As of July 6 the Quilters and the Arts and Craft class have had to disband.

We have been told by some that the seniors in the community feel they can only use this center if they belong to the club. This is not so. We have never told any one that they must join first before they come here. We have always

tried to make this center presentable for all to come here and enjoy. There are activities at this center for all to enjoy. We have a Director who is working hard to make programs for this center. We need participation from all Seniors in this Township to make it succeed.

Edna Curiston,  
Jean Langford, Helen Mate  
New Boston Senior Citizens

### Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

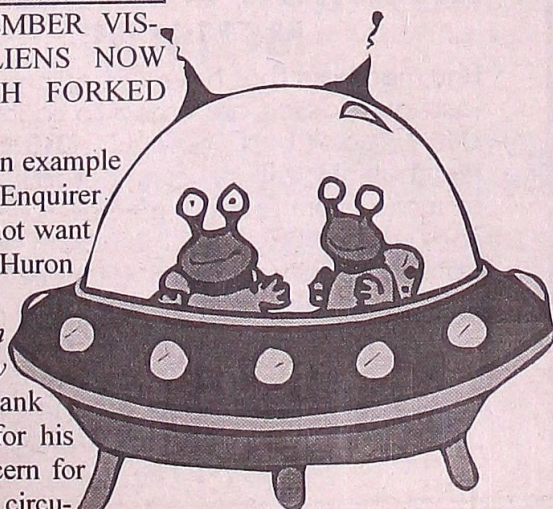
BOARD MEMBER VISITED BY ALIENS NOW SPEAKS WITH FORKED TONGUE!

Now, that is an example of a National Enquirer headline. I did not want the taxpayers of Huron to be confused.

The Huron River Weekly wishes to thank Trustee Glaab for his continuous concern for the readership, circu-

lation, and advertisers of the paper. His mentioning of our status in the Township Newsletter gives us great pleasure. It is not often we receive such publicity at the Huron Township taxpayer's expense, as tax dollars pay for the newsletter.

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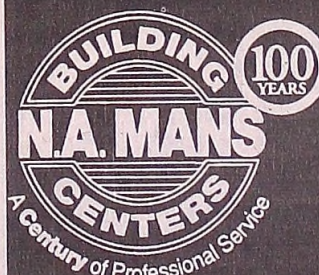
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# Wall of Fame

Last year *The Weekly* honored the first inductees of the Huron School District Wall of Fame by introducing each new member on a weekly basis.

We are proud to continue that tradition by introducing the readers to the Year 2000 inductees. We will present one inductee each week until the entire group is listed. This year's winners were Mark Hopper, Robert Kelly, Donna Mariera Townsend, Joanne Elliott, Janice Kyko, Ronald Smith and Leota Laurie Kyko.

We continue this week with the profile of Donna Mariera Townsend.

Donna Mariera Townsend had distinguished herself as a memorable student at Huron. After graduating in the Spring of 1966 ranking third in her class, she embarked for Eastern Michigan University

with the same enthusiasm and optimism that had made her a delightful student at Huron.

While at Huron, she involved herself in a wide variety of activities such as the Future Homemakers of America, Future Teachers of America, National Honor Society, the school newspaper, and yearbook. In addition to these clubs she was a member of the Pep Club and Girl's Athletic Association.

She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in June 1970, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in English Literature and Language. The love of learning compelled her to pursue her Master of Arts Degree in American Literature in 1972. The capstone of her educational experience came in 1983 when she graduated from The University of Toledo

Law School with her Juris Doctorate.

In 1970 she began her career as a teacher at Huron and never looked back. Thirty years later she had taught in the Junior High and High School forever shaping the lives of generations of students.

A former student captured Donna Magiera Townsend's impact on her life by writing a college paper about her teacher and mentor titled "The Hero Teacher."

Whether it is participating in the March of Dimes or serving as a volunteer attorney, she busies herself by continually serving others. As an educator, she challenged her students and as student, she has never lost the love and joy of learning.



## JAM FOR THE LAMB

Jam for the Lamb is not going away. Festival organizers are gearing up now for over 1,000 attendees to this area's most talked-about youth festival. Not an amateur "church" event, put on for a couple dozen kids, this event is professionally done and attracts hundreds from all over the metro Detroit area.

On Saturday, August 5 the city of Milan will come alive with the sounds of the 4th Annual Jam for the Lamb, which in years past has attract-

ed over 700 people. Standard fare is tons of outdoor activities, including rollerblading, Twinkie-eating contests, Tug-O-War, 3-on-3 basketball, skateboarding and beach volleyball. Geared to the ears of the 13-20 year olds, headlining the festival will be Polarboy out of Nashville, purveyors of some great classic rock/acoustic/alternative stuff. Five regional bands will provide the rest of the day's music, including: Big Al's Coaster Club (ska), BCOG Praise Team,

(Pon) [tribal rock], Son of Adam [rock/alternative], and Nitro Praise [hip-hop/techno]. Jam for the Lamb also features a message by Uther Whitfield, Director of Urban Ministries for Youth for Christ.

Held on the grounds of the Milan Free Methodist Church at US-23 and Carpenter Road, the festival runs from noon to

7 p.m., rain or shine. Festival-goers are welcome to bring a lawn chair, cooler, and Frisbee, and can plan on visiting the on-site vendors and concession stands. Tickets cost just \$5, and are available at the gate, or in advance at Crossroads Bible and Book in Ann Arbor. There are also opportunities for people to

volunteer and get in for free.

Jam for the Lamb is brought to you by Wiard's Orchards and Rhino Linings, and is a ministry of the Milan Free Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Tracy Ball, Music and Marketing Coordinator, 734-697-5606.

## CARRIER OF THE WEEK



Joseph "Joey" Smrcka of is our carrier of the week in the downtown New Boston area.

He resides in New Boston with his parents, two brothers, one sister, two cats and one dog.

He will soon be 14 years old and will be in the ninth grade at Huron High this fall.

His hobbies are Roller Hockey; Aggressive Skating,

bike riding and camping with family and friends.

He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and youth club.

He will be on the track team and also likes to play basketball and swim.

Joseph says "I am happy to be a carrier for *The Huron River Weekly*."

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The C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. will be taking applications for new memberships after August 1, 2000. Applicants must be Huron Township residents between the ages of 8-13. You can pick up applications at the Township offices. Come and join the fun.

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### July

- 22 Evening Canoe Tours, 3:30 p.m. & 5 p.m.
- 23 Plants of Pain & Poison, 2 p.m.

### August

- 1-3 Junior Naturalist, 10-12 yr. olds, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$
- 5 Outdoor Adventures for Kids, 3rd & 4th graders, 10 a.m. \$
- 6 Amazing Monarch Butterflies, 2 p.m.
- 8-10 Junior Naturalist, 10-12 yr. olds, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$
- 12 Early Bird Canoe Tours, 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. \$
- 20 Pursuing the PawPaw, 2 p.m.
- 27 A Prairie Abloom, 2 p.m.



# NEW SIGN ORDINANCE TO LESSEN EFFECTS OF BUSINESS GROWTH

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

On Monday, July 10, resident John Bozzo addressed the Planning Commission about fixing up the Waltz Road building, formerly known as Don's Body Shop. Bozzo, who plans to purchase the building for servicing and renting limousines, was asked to put together a site plan for review.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing. The Commission approved a special condition use for Siretia Christensen to open a Family Hair Salon in her garage on Waltz Road with the condition that the home must meet the required size.

Added to the agenda was

Walter Casper's site plan process for a new commercial building on Huron River Drive. Casper requested approval of a parking lot in the front of his building. After suggesting that Casper use side and rear parking, Commissioner Michael Glaab explained that it is important to lessen the impact of commercialism on the community. He suggested Casper bring something back from the architect that would accomplish such a goal so that the Commission would find it easier to make a decision.

Otto Cerni, developer of the new Hunter's Cove subdivision, requested approval of his

site plan. At the Commission's request, Cerni had changed his original "cookie-cutter" design to an attractive design that the Commission was pleased with. However, to absorb the higher cost to develop such a subdivision, Cerni had added an additional 11 units. This created a shortage of "open space."

Kohlstrand explained, "The problem that we face is, as Mr. Nix outlined ... you cannot put more than 52 units" in that subdivision. Cerni finally said that he could live with 52 units. The Commission gave preliminary approval of the plan and suggested that Cerni go the ZBA if he wants to increase the number of dwellings.

Discussion of the proposed new sign ordinance came next. If approved, the new sign ordinance will be retroactive. Therefore, all existing signs will be required to comply with the new ordinance within six months of the date of approval.

Planning Consultant Larry Nix suggested that a limitation be placed on the number of directional signs a business may have. However, Commission Chair Jerry Reynolds thought that the proposed 500-foot spacing of signs would accomplish that goal.

Director of Planning and Zoning, Leslie Meyer remarked that many communi-

ties don't allow directional signs at all because of the possibility of billboards. She said, "The purpose should be directional, not to advertise." A couple of Commissioners pointed out that many directional signs appear to be mainly advertisements for businesses.

After a lengthy discussion, the maximum size for directional signs was changed to six square feet. As for business and industrial signs, Consultant John Chihan pointed out that large buildings such as Mopar would look strange with such small signs. Nix recommended going by a percentage of the building size for

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a team. He thought that taking a vote on Lazere's removal may have been unnecessary because the District Board does not require placement on the LDFA.

Later in the meeting, Schalk appointed Board Member Ken Appleby to replace Lazere on the LDFA. In addition to the School Board, Appleby has served or is serving on the Compensation Commission, the Planning Commission, and now the LDFA.

Schalk explained the Lazere

that he didn't consider it a conflict of interest for Appleby to sit on the three Township committees including the LDFA, while it was a conflict for Lazere to sit on the LDFA based on the fact that the Compensation Commission and Planning Commission are appointed positions.

At the July 12 Township Board Meeting, Trustee Nora Adkins brought up her concern of Lazere's recent removal arguing, "Lazere was removed

for no just reason and was replaced with a person who is on three committees in addition to the School Board. It doesn't feel right that one person has all this control."

Other matters taken care of at the organizational meeting included 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green swearing in Ken Appleby and Donna Mendrysa for an additional term. No changes were made in Board members of Officers.

A roofing bid was also approved with M.W. Morse Roofing Company for Renton and the High School.

A new science and math teacher, Patrick Wasilewski was hired. And candidates for the new Athletic Director was interviewed as well.

Richard Dorn, Jr., who was hired for the position, had been an Athletic Director at Alliance Christian School in Portsmouth, Virginia. Board

members and the Superintendent were very impressed with Dorn's credentials.

Also applying for the Athletic Director position was Becky Ralls and Jim Barnes. Ralls, a Board member for the Huron Athletic Association for nearly 16 years, has made a tremendous contribution to community athletics, according to resident Lisa Kuczynski. Barnes was a recent college graduate with a Bachelors degree in physical education.

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## HEY BABY! DO YA WANNA DANCE?



HEY BABY!  
SHAUNNA RICE OF TRENTON.

Everyone was a movin' and a cruisin' on Fort Street last Saturday. Heritage News-

papers and 104.3 FM were co-sponsors of the first Cruisin' Downriver.

The event was continuous from Lincoln Park through Riverview.

Attendance at the event could not be tallied. It was overwhelming.

Ran into a few Huron Township friends, Larry Edmondson with his Cushman Scooter, Cookie Kowalski and

her Vintage Mustang, and Frank and Nora Adkins in their '55 Ford.

Evening entertainment was provided by Huron Township's Blues Brothers and Band. Our very own Glenn Dryden was Jake or was it Elwood?

A wonderful day of reminiscing was had by everyone. Be sure to attend next year.



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## Your Cosmic Link For The Week Of July 20th thru July 26th

### Leo July 24 - August 23

You feel more like mother earth than the lion these days. Family members make life enjoyable. Vacation plans fade like old picture. What happens next? Is it time to heat up the kitchen? Heat up love life? Cook a good meal and answer comes. *Lucky #003.*

### Virgo August 24 - September 23

Decision not easy for those being told. May have to tell them twice. Feel like building cabin in woods to escape. Don't put phone in or no

peace. Those who feel they control you need to learn no so. *Lucky #991.*

### Libra September 24 - October 23

What's this? You feel you belong in the southern states, too? Just remember where you were raised. The future is like forecasting the weather. A little thunder, a little sunshine, but who knows what is next? *Lucky #671.*

### Scorpio October 24 - November 22

You watch as others changed things around. Like moving the wood pile, back

and forth. You too try to predict the future. But that's not your job. Family members hopeful for positive future. Don't overdo. Green applies, red on the horizon. *Lucky #345.*

### Sagittarius November 23 - December 21

Seeing red at home. Seeing red at work. Sounds like you need to take a pill. Not time to declare war. Family members tired of your non-adult ways. Time to face reality. Can't go through life like tub of soft butter. Doesn't last long. *Lucky #549.*

### Capricorn December 22 - January 20

No one paying much attention to you these days? Well, you are not forgotten or that dog either. Remodeling home never easy but worth the fuss. Spouse anxious for changes and so are you. Big question.

What? *Lucky #740.*

### Aquarius January 21 - February 19

Let's see who can we blame this mess on? Next person works. You feel used up like old jar of Vaseline. Time to take control and stomp foot like did when was a child. All will understand and get the picture. Show twice if necessary. *Lucky #815.*

### Pisces February 20 - March 20

Sick of weeds? Sick of flowers? Hey, wait, what's the alternative? You didn't plant garden so quit whining. Time to relax at pool side. Enjoy children. Take needle and thread and put it all together before falls apart. *Lucky #990.*

### Aries March 21 - April 20

Dishes, dishes and more dishes. Doesn't anyone else use them? Well, they don't

## Horoscope



William Grover

clean the toilet either. Call pest control and get rid of the problem once and for all. Before overrun happy home. Clean out old closets, find happy memories. *Lucky #395.*

### Taurus April 21 - May 21

"Your fault, not mine." Oh really be truthful with self. Past is past. Leave it there. You live your life and let others live theirs. Time to face reality and let go. Small children are not "carrots" in front of horse's nose. *Lucky #140.*

### Gemini May 22 - June 21

You ask or old job back. Others agree. Some things need your special tough desperately. Need to make time to improve situation? Take that time, now. Pace soon to pick up. Family ready to jump in and help. Sigh! *Lucky #085.*

### Cancer June 22 - July 23

Feeling cheated again? Could be! But you shouldn't have shut your eyes. Others begin task to replace you. Don't laugh too hard. Relax and watch those trees grow. Any fruit this year? Ask an expert for help. *Lucky #111.*

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Kohlstrand, he described the events over the last year that led to Meyer's hiring. Over a year ago, Township Supervisor David Glaab came to a Commission meeting and suggested employing a professional planner to help write the Master Plan. The Commission conducted interviews of planners and on July 12, 1999, the motion to recommend William's and Works to the Township Board was approved with Glaab, Lilly, and Reynolds abstaining.

The Township Board, unsure whether they had the authority to approve the position, requested a legal opinion. Township Attorney Richard James submitted a letter, dated August 30, 1999, that stated,

"Any action by the Board regarding the hiring of personnel or the contracting out of services must be based on, and pursuant to, a recommendation from the Planning Commission." However, after learning they could legally approve the position, the Commission's recommendation just sat.

James opinion had been based on The Township Planning Act MCL.125.328, section 5(3), which states, "The township board, upon recommendation of the planning commission, may employ a planning director or other planning personnel, contract for the services of planning and other technicians, and pay or authorize the payment of

expenses within the funds budgeted and provided for planning purposes."

Kohlstrand continued, explaining that in January, the Supervisor replaced Commissioner Bob Stanzak. And then "at the February meeting, the recommendation to hire Williams and Works was rescinded by a Planning Commission that was stacked in the other direction." Then another vote was taken, and McKenna & Associates was recommended. At the next Board meeting the recommendation was approved.

At the May 24 Board meeting the Supervisor recommended the hiring of Meyer. Even though, according to Kohlstrand and Commissioner

Brian Swindler, and the last 12 months Planning Commission minutes, Leslie Meyer was never recommended for the position.

Adkins reminded the Supervisor and the Board of the statute that requires a recommendation from the Planning Commission. However, the Supervisor, who admitted in a letter dated September 1, 1999, "As you know, the Planning Commission continues to have the authority to recommend to the Board," disregarded Adkins concern. And the Board approved the position with only Trustee John McKinney and Adkins opposing the motion.

At the next month's

Planning Commission meeting, Vice Chair Dave Jackson motioned to ratify the action of the Board, seconded by R.P. Lilly. But Kohlstrand reminded the Commission that the hiring was illegal, and under no circumstances should the motion of the Board be retified by the Commission. At this point, the motion and support were withdrawn.

The Commission then informed Commissioner Michael Glaab that he should bring this issue to the attention of the Board at the next meeting. However, Glaab failed to make any mention of it at the following meeting, even after resident Ray Chaffron made an issue of it during public participation.

## SIGN

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business signs. Discussion of the sign ordinance will continue at upcoming meetings.

Retirement housing was also of concern at the meeting. Nix said, "Retirement housing is a major issue and is going to continue to be as all of us continue getting older." Chihani pointed out that currently the only place for senior housing is

in the special housing district. However, he also revealed "From a planning standpoint, it's better to wait for a developer to come and ask for rezoning." Otherwise, if land is specified for senior housing and the price of the land goes up, no developers will want to buy it. The issue was tabled for further review.

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